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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) Swimming goggles comprising:
 - a pair of lens assemblies, each lens assembly including an eye cup, each eye cup including a skirt configured to be held in close contact with a user's face to form a seal to keep water out of a user's eye;
 - a link connecting said lens assemblies to each other;
 - a strap put around a head of a swimming goggles wearer; and
 - said lens assemblies having a transverse direction horizontally extending across said head and a longitudinal direction vertically extending orthogonally to said transverse direction and the lens included in each of said lens assemblies being divided into an intermediate section extending across the lens at a substantially middle level as viewed in a vertical direction, an upper section lying above the intermediate section and a lower section lying below the intermediate section wherein the intermediate section presents a see-through clarity lower than those presented by the upper section and the lower section.
2. (original) The swimming goggles according to Claim 1, wherein said see-through clarity is specified by total luminous transmittance or parallel luminous transmittance of said intermediate sections.
3. (original) The swimming goggles according to Claim 2, wherein said total

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luminous transmittance or said parallel luminous transmittance of said intermediate sections is substantially 0%.

4. (withdrawn) The swimming goggles according to Claim 1, wherein each of said lenses has an inner surface opposed to a swimming goggles wearer's face and an outer surface facing away from said wearer's face and wherein each of said upper section obliquely extends upward so as to get nearer to said face and each of said lower section obliquely extends downward so as to get nearer to said face.

5. (original) The swimming goggles according to Claim 1, wherein each of said intermediate section has a dimension in a range of 2 to 10 mm as viewed in said vertical direction.

6. (withdrawn) The swimming goggles according to Claim 1, wherein each of said lenses is coated with pigment or dye in order to lessen said see-through clarity of said intermediate section.

7. (withdrawn) The swimming goggles according to Claim 1, wherein light blocking or light scattering tape is installed on each of said lenses in order to lessen said see-through clarity of said intermediate section.

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8. (withdrawn) The swimming goggles according to Claim 1, wherein each of said lenses is formed on its surface in said intermediate section with a plurality of fine irregularities in order to lessen said see-through clarity of said intermediate section.

9. (original) The swimming goggles according to Claim 1, wherein said lens assemblies are provided therearound with eye-cups, respectively, belt-like portions formed integrally with said eye-cups extend across said lens assemblies between inner and outer ends of said lens assemblies in close contact with outer surfaces of said lens assemblies so as to cover said intermediate sections of respective said lens assemblies.

10. (withdrawn) The swimming goggles according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate section is fixed in the lens.

11. (previously presented) The swimming goggles according to claim 1, wherein each intermediate section of each lens assembly is a belt that extends from one side of a frame portion of the eye cup and terminates at an opposite side of the frame portion of the same eye cup.

12. (new) The swimming goggles according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate sections are symmetrically configured about a vertical axis located between each lens.

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13. (new) The swimming goggles according to claim 1, wherein each intermediate section of each lens assembly extends from one side of a frame portion of the eye cup and terminates at an opposite side of the frame portion of the same eye cup.